



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
August 12, 2013
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Rick Eachus, Tracy Greenwood, Mike Marasco.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as published. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Rife stated that there are some corrections needed to the July 8, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. Under Adoption of Agenda and New Business all references to 317 N. Railroad Avenue should be corrected to 317 N. Layton Avenue.

Ms. Williams also stated that under the Park/Street Report, last bullet, it should say “remodeling park bathrooms”, not “building new park bathrooms.”

- 070813 Public Hearing
- 070813 Council Meeting

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to approve both sets of minutes as corrected. All in favor; none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams reported that the auditors will be coming tomorrow for three (3) days to audit the 2012-2013 books so if anyone needs anything from Pam or Nicole, please understand that they will be extremely busy so don't expect them to get what you need right away. They will get back to you as soon as they can.
- Ms. Williams also announced that the Defensive Driving classes will be held on October 10th and 11th at the Annex. They will be mandatory for all employees and can have a maximum of 20 people per class. Other seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The fee for non-employees will be \$15.00 or \$12.00 for AARP members. First time students (or those whose certificates have expired) will attend the Thursday morning and Friday morning sessions from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. Advanced (renewal) students will attend Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. Please contact Pam in Town Hall if you wish to attend.
- Ms. Williams announced that she has secured money from Senator Bushweller and Representative Blakey to remodel the bathrooms at the Park to make them handicapped accessible as well as to build a second Pavilion.
- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Balance Report, the Budget Update and the Check Register. Tax payments are coming in quickly. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey was not available so Mayor Rife read off the Police Report of which a printed copy is in the packets.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fred Jester was in attendance to give the report. During May the EMT crews responded to 207 medical calls. Fire and Rescue responded to 32 alarms of which 9 were motor vehicle collisions, 6 reported building fires, 1 out of town assist Dover (1), 3 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 13 miscellaneous responses. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 10 hours; average number of volunteers responding to alarms was 13; and the average calls per day were 8.
- The fire company has another all-you-can-eat crab feast scheduled for August 17th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door.
- The fire company is also planning a vendor fair for August 24th.
- The new ambulance has arrived but is not ready to go on the road yet.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Rick Eachus reported that at the July meeting they mainly worked on the Comprehensive Plan Annual Report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not yet present so council will come back to this later.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn was present. He does not anticipate a rate hike this year.
- Ms. Fulcher asked whether he knew if the photos of the G Alley pipe had been done yet and Mr. Quinn did not know.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Fulcher has received two quotes on a new John Deere 42" commercial tractor. Taylor and Mesick quoted \$2750.00 and Atlantic Tractor quoted \$2700.00. They will also offer a 4 year warranty for \$813.00. There is \$2,000 budgeted for the street sweeper repairs and \$2,000 for parts purchases as well as \$2,000 for general equipment. These 3 categories more than cover the tractor purchase. Council feels we should buy the tractor from Atlantic Tractor with the 4 year warranty. Ms. Fulcher will take care of ordering it.
- Mr. Witt stated that the playground has been newly mulched and it looks nice.
- Mr. Witt also asked Ms. Haddick about our part time person and how long it took him to paint Town Hall. She feels he is doing a great job. She will get back to him with the information on the hours spent on painting the windows and doors of Town Hall.
- Mr. Witt asked about the Johnson Square sign. Ms. Haddick spoke to Austin Signs about 2 weeks ago and was told it should be done within 3 weeks. If not received by Tuesday, August 20th, she will call them again.
- Mr. Witt also asked about the curb sprayer. Ms. Haddick has contacted Sherwin Williams to do a demonstration for us. The gentleman that will be doing that for us has been on vacation and she is expecting to hear from him any day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Jaci Stokes reported that she ended up with 125 vendors, crafters, food, community, and politician booths. She estimates that there may have been 5,000 to 7,000 visitors.
- Peach Festival Desert Contest Recipe Books are in Town Hall for \$5.00 each.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Recording of Minutes – Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of recording Town Council meetings. *Ms. Williams made a motion to not record meetings as per our attorney's suggestion. There was no second and two council members commented that they would be abstaining from voting. Ms. Williams pulled her motion.*
- Mayor Rife stated that the grant application to take care of the S. Layton Avenue drainage problem has been moving forward. She met with gentlemen from FEMA last week at the site and was told we will probably get the grant to install the pump house. There will be 25% matching funds from the town required but Senator Bushweller and Representative Blakey have agreed to provide the funds for that.

ANNEXATION

- Mr. Marasco has notified the town that he will be holding off on his annexation of the parcel on Westville Road until all the amendments have been done to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use and Development Code as this will make his annexation go more smoothly.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 9/9/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 8/13/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 8/13/13, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Peach Festival Committee – 9/17/13, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tracy Greenwood stated that she felt the audience should be able to make comments during council discussion; otherwise, how will council know how the public feels about an issue before they vote on it.
- Ms. Greenwood also stated that she had not been notified when the office staff found out from Mr. Luckenbaugh at Fruitbud Juice that he was told it was the Tax Ditch Group that was responsible for mowing around the ditch so he would not be mowing it.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- The Open Permit Report is in the packet. There is also a spreadsheet explaining the status on each of the dangerous buildings the Town is working on. Ms. Fulcher is hoping that 32 S. Caesar Rodney Avenue will be the next building that the town looks into for demolition. The roof has holes in it, siding is coming off, and it is in overall bad condition.

Council took a 10 minute break.

Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to move into Executive Session. All in favor; none opposed.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Council Re-entered Regular Session at 9:39 p.m.

Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk